

**TOWNSHIP OF CEDAR GROVE
ESSEX COUNTY NEW JERSEY**

PUBLIC MEETING

MINUTES

AUGUST 17, 2020

1. ROLL CALL, INVOCATION AND FLAG SALUTE

Mayor Peterson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Councilmen Cicala, Maceri, Zichelli, Deputy Mayor Tanella, Mayor Peterson

Also Present: Township Manager Tucci, Township Attorney Semeraro, Township Clerk Stutz

The flag salute was led by Mayor Peterson.

Mayor Peterson made the required announcement concerning the Open Public Meetings Act as follows: Adequate notice of this meeting was duly provided to the Verona-Cedar Grove Times and the Star Ledger on December 26, 2019, updated August 13, 2020, filed with the Township Clerk, and posted on the public bulletin board in the Municipal Building Lobby in accordance with the Open Public Meeting Act.

2. EXTRAORDINARY BUSINESS

- a) Presentation of Plaque to Outgoing Resident

Mayor Peterson presented a plaque to Barbara Schickram, a resident of 56 years, relocating to a neighboring community. Mayor Peterson highlighted the many ways that Mrs. Schickram served the Township as a dedicated resident and volunteer of the Township.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a) To consider approval of minutes of special public meeting of July 9, 2020

Councilman Cicala moved approval of the minutes, seconded by Councilman Maceri, and passed by the following vote:

AYE: Councilmen Cicala, Maceri, Zichelli, Deputy Mayor Tanella, Mayor Peterson

NO: None

4. PUBLIC HEARING

- a) To consider adoption of Pending Bond Ordinance #20-861 – Reconstruction of Ozone Ave.

The ordinance was read by title only as follows:

**BOND ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE RECONSTRUCTION OF OZONE
AVENUE IN AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF CEDAR GROVE, IN THE
COUNTY OF ESSEX, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$275,000**

THEREFORE AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$20,000 BONDS OR NOTES TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF.

Mayor Peterson opened the public hearing on this item. There being no one present wishing to be heard, Mayor Peterson closed the public hearing.

Deputy Mayor Tanella moved that the ordinance be adopted at second reading, published in the Verona-Cedar Grove Times as a passed ordinance to take effect as prescribed by law, seconded by Councilman Zichelli, and passed by the following vote:

AYE: Councilmen Cicala, Maceri, Zichelli, Deputy Mayor Tanella, Mayor Peterson

NO: None

5. AWARD OF BID

a) To consider resolution awarding bid for Community Park Playground Improvements

The following resolution had been posted on the bulletin board, and a brief synopsis was given by the Township Clerk:

WHEREAS, pursuant to advertising duly made, bids were received for Community Park Playground Improvements, and were publicly opened by the Township Clerk on July 8, 2020 as follows:

<u>BIDDER</u>	<u>TOTAL BASE BID</u>
Picerno-Giordano Constr. LLC	\$ 229,852.
JAG Paving Corp.	\$ 244,900.
AB Contracting LLC	\$ 262,806.
Five Star Contractors Group LLC	\$ 298,746.

WHEREAS, the Municipal Engineer and Township Attorney have reviewed the bids submitted, and recommend that the award of bid to Picerno-Giordano Construction LLC of Kenilworth, New Jersey, the apparent low bidder, in the amount of \$ 229,852.00; and

WHEREAS, the funds are available to satisfy our obligations under this contract from Bond Ord. 19-841, 2018 Community Development Block Grant and Essex County Recreation and Open Space Trust Fund.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Cedar Grove, that the award of bid be made to Picerno-Giordano Construction LLC of Kenilworth, New Jersey.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the proper officials be instructed to execute a contract on behalf of the Township.

Councilman Cicala moved adoption of the resolution, seconded by Councilman , and passed by the following vote:

AYE: Councilmen Cicala, Maceri, Zichelli, Deputy Mayor Tanella, Mayor Peterson

NO: None

6. MEETING OPEN TO RESIDENTS OF THE TOWNSHIP WISHING TO BE HEARD ON ANY ITEM ON THE AGENDA

Mayor Peterson opened this portion of the meeting to anyone wishing to be heard on any item on the agenda. There being no one present wishing to be heard, Mayor Peterson closed this portion of the meeting.

7. REPORTS OF TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS

a) Township Manager – The Manager announced the retirement of his long-time secretary, Mrs. Antoinette LaCapra, and advised that her last day of work was celebrated with a surprise clap-out by fellow employees and governing body members. Mr. Tucci thanked resident Ken Desai for donation of 1800 surgical masks which will be distributed to nursing homes within the Township. The Manager provided an update on the status of Rt. 23 paving project, memo from the Police Chief, and requested authorization for the Township Attorney to draft the applicable municipal traffic ordinance amendment pertaining to parking, to which the governing body concurred. Mr. Tucci advised that the Rt. 23/W. Lindsley Rd. intersection improvements have already proved successful in reducing traffic build-up at that location. The Manager commended the Police & Fire Depts., and DPW employees for their response efforts following the recent storm event. Mr. Tucci stated that the PSE&G response was so unsatisfactory that the Township and its outside contractors intervened to provide tree removal services to facilitate power restoration to residents. Mr. Tucci further stated that he will send a letter to PSE&G to report the power company's shortfalls and also suggested that the governing body consider a resolution to be drafted by the Township Attorney, to which the governing body agreed. The Manager noted the Finance Director's memo regarding the sale of bond anticipation notes. Mr. Tucci and noted a memo from the Municipal Engineer regarding the award of bid for Community Park Playground Improvements. The Manager also noted recommendations from the Finance Director regarding several water/sewer bill adjustments requests, to which the governing body agreed.

b) Township Clerk – The Township Clerk advised that Gov. Murphy issued Executive Order #177 that mandates the November 3rd General Election to be conducted primarily as a vote-by-mail election, similar to the July 7th Primary Election. Ms. Stutz noted that as more details are available information will be posted on the Township's website, local access channel, and Public Library. The Clerk reported receipt of a letter of interest in the current Zoning Board vacancy. There was consensus to advertise the vacancy with a response date of mid-September. The Clerk reported that one candidate has filed for Council vacancy for the November 3rd election. Ms. Stutz also noted that the filing deadline is August 31st by 4:00 pm

c) Township Attorney – No report

d) Other Reports

Councilman Maceri suggested that the governing body consider a resolution to express opposition to the November 3rd General Election being conducted as a vote-by-mail election, to which the governing body agreed. The Manager responded to Councilman Maceri's request for an

status update on the turf field at LRP. Mr. Tucci advised that the draft plans should be finalized beginning of September and construction to commence shortly thereafter.

Councilman Cicala thanked the Township and Manager for efforts in the aftermath of recent storm. Councilman Cicala recounted personal experience and dissatisfaction with response from PSE&G. Councilman Cicala also expressed thanks from local business owners that the repaving of Rt. 23 is being conducted at night to minimize impact on businesses in the downtown business area. Councilman Cicala also extended best wishes to the Manager's Administrative Secretary Antoinette LaCapra on her retirement.

Councilman Zichelli Councilman Zichelli also commended the Township's efforts to render assistance to residents following the recent storm. Councilman Zichelli noted that PSE&G is offering reimbursement to customers who experienced outages of more than three days. Councilman Zichelli noted the recent mailing of the Historical Society newsletter. Councilman Zichelli reported attending the first Jr. Firefighter Day at Community Park and commended the Fire Dept. volunteers for hosting the event. Councilman Zichelli also noted concerns regarding the conduct of upcoming General Election.

Deputy Mayor Tanella congratulated Councilman Zichelli on his recent appointment to the vacancy on governing body. Deputy Mayor Tanella also extended best wishes to Mrs. LaCapra on her retirement. The Manager addressed Deputy Mayor Tanella's inquiry for the status of K. Hovnanian development of Hilltop property. Mr. Tucci advised that to date 355 units have been sold, ahead of the developer's sales schedule. The Manager also advised that that the school impact of additional students is in the low 20's. Deputy Mayor Tanella proposed to send a resolution to the Board of Public Utilities to concerning lack of cable service options. The Manager recommended that the Township Attorney draft the resolution, to which the governing body agreed.

Mayor Peterson congratulated Mrs. LaCapra on her retirement. Mayor Peterson commented that the West Essex Bikeway is in need of clean up as a result of the recent storm. Mayor Peterson also commented on the success of the Jr. Firefighter Day event held in Community Park and thanked the Fire Department volunteers for their efforts. Mayor Peterson requested that the governing body support a "Blue Light Initiative" in commemoration of 9/11. Following a brief discussion the Manager recommended that the Township purchase blue lights to distribute to residents, to which the governing body agreed.

8. NEW BUSINESS

- a) To consider resolution concerning purchase of vehicles through State Contract No. A88728

The following resolution had been posted on the bulletin board, and a brief synopsis was given by the Township Clerk:

WHEREAS, the Township of Cedar Grove has availed itself of the right to purchase Sport Utility Vehicles (SUV) entered into on behalf of the State of New Jersey by the Division of Purchase and Property in the Department of Treasury pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable from time to time to purchase Sport Utility Vehicles (SUV) under contracts entered into on behalf of the State by the said Division without the necessity of advertising for bids, or in cases where no bids have been received; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable to purchase Sport Utility Vehicles (SUV) under such contracts enter into on behalf of the State of New Jersey by said Division during the year 2020;

WHEREAS, funds for the purchase of the Sport Utility Vehicles (SUV) are available in the Bond Ordinance #19-841.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Cedar Grove, that the purchase of the Sport Utility Vehicles (SUV) be awarded to Winner Ford, through State Contract No. A88728.

Councilman Zichelli moved adoption of the resolution, seconded by Councilman Cicala, and passed by the following vote:

AYE: Councilmen Cicala, Maceri, Zichelli, Deputy Mayor Tanella, Mayor Peterson

NO: None

- b) To consider resolution concerning insertion of special item of revenue – Clean Communities Program

The following resolution had been posted on the bulletin board, and a brief synopsis was given by the Township Clerk:

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87, provides that the Director of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of a special item of revenue in the Municipal Budget of the Township of Cedar Grove for 2020 when such items shall have been available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of adoption of the budget; and

WHEREAS, said Director may also approve the insertion of any item of appropriation of equal amount;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Cedar Grove, Essex County, New Jersey, that it hereby requests that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insert of an item of revenue in the budget of the year 2020 in the sum of \$21,884.99, which is now available as a revenue from the Clean Communities Program, which is administered by the Department of Environmental Protection, pursuant to the provision of statute; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a like sum of \$21,884.99 is hereby appropriated under the caption:

Clean Communities Program \$21,884.99

Councilman Zichelli moved adoption of the resolution, seconded by Councilman Cicala, and passed by the following vote:

AYE: Councilmen Cicala, Maceri, Zichelli, Deputy Mayor Tanella, Mayor Peterson

NO: None

- c) To consider resolution concerning purchase of vehicle through Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council Contract

The following resolution had been posted on the bulletin board, and a brief synopsis was given by the Township Clerk:

WHEREAS, the Township of Cedar Grove utilizes the Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council Contract #15-C for the acquisition of utility vehicles; and

WHEREAS, the contract amount for the acquisition of one (1) utility vehicle will not exceed \$29,130.00; and

WHEREAS, the funds are available to satisfy our obligations under this contract through the 2020 Municipal Budget – Police – Other Expenses.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Cedar Grove authorizes the Township of Cedar Grove to purchase through the Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council Contract #15-C for the acquisition of one (1) utility vehicle from Route 23 Automall, LLC for an amount not to exceed \$29,130.00.

Councilman Zichelli moved adoption of the resolution, seconded by Councilman Cicala, and passed by the following vote:

AYE: Councilmen Cicala, Maceri, Zichelli, Deputy Mayor Tanella, Mayor Peterson

NO: None

- d) To consider resolution concerning purchase of electric vehicle and charging station through Educational Services Commission of NJ Cooperative Pricing System

The following resolution had been posted on the bulletin board, and a brief synopsis was given by the Township Clerk:

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5) authorizes contracting units to establish a Cooperative Pricing System and to enter into Cooperative Pricing Agreements for its administration; and

WHEREAS, the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey has offered voluntary participation in a Cooperative Pricing System for the purchase of goods and services; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of Cedar Grove desires to duly participate in a Cooperative Pricing System for the provision and performance of goods and services; and

WHEREAS, the contract amount for the acquisition of one (1) Tesla vehicle and electric vehicle charging station will not exceed \$61,993.99; and

WHEREAS, the funds are available to satisfy our obligations under this contract through Bond Ordinance No. 20-856 and the Recycling Tonnage Grant.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Cedar Grove authorizes the Township of Cedar Grove to purchase through the Cooperative Pricing System Contract #65MCESCCPS for the acquisition of one (1) Tesla vehicle and electric vehicle charging station from Tesla and Bryan Electric for an amount not to exceed \$61,993.99.

Councilman Zichelli moved adoption of the resolution, seconded by Councilman Cicala, and passed by the following vote:

AYE: Councilmen Cicala, Maceri, Zichelli, Deputy Mayor Tanella, Mayor Peterson

NO: None

- e) To consider resolution concerning purchase of fire apparatus, parts and accessories through national cooperative

The following resolution had been posted on the bulletin board, and a brief synopsis was given by the Township Clerk:

WHEREAS, the Township of Cedar Grove utilizes Houston-Galveston Area Council as National Cooperative for the purchase a Pierce Enforcer Fire Apparatus, parts and accessories for the Cedar Grove Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, the contract amount for a Pierce Enforcer Fire Apparatus, parts and accessories for the Cedar Grove Fire Department will not exceed \$406,779.13; and

WHEREAS, the funds are available to satisfy our obligations under this contract through Bond Ordinance 19-850.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Cedar Grove authorizes the Township of Cedar Grove to utilize the Houston-Galveston Area Council as a National Cooperative for the purchase of a Pierce Enforcer Fire Apparatus, parts and accessories for the Cedar Grove Fire Department from Fire & Safety Services, Ltd for an amount not to exceed \$406,779.13.

Councilman Zichelli moved adoption of the resolution, seconded by Councilman Cicala, and passed by the following vote:

AYE: Councilmen Cicala, Maceri, Zichelli, Deputy Mayor Tanella, Mayor Peterson

NO: None

- f) To consider resolution concerning purchase of furniture through Educational Services Commission of NJ Cooperative Pricing System

The following resolution had been posted on the bulletin board, and a brief synopsis was given by the Township Clerk:

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5) authorizes contracting units to establish a Cooperative Pricing System and to enter into Cooperative Pricing Agreements for its administration; and

WHEREAS, the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey has offered voluntary participation in a Cooperative Pricing System for the purchase of goods and services; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of Cedar Grove desires to duly participate in a Cooperative Pricing System for the provision and performance of goods and services; and

WHEREAS, the contract amount for the acquisition of tables, stack chairs and lounge seating for the Cedar Grove Library will not exceed \$40,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the funds are available to satisfy our obligations under this contract through 2020 Municipal Budget – Maintenance of the Free Public Library.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Cedar Grove authorizes the Township of Cedar Grove to purchase through the Cooperative Pricing System Contract #ES08-451426/C the acquisition of tables, stack chairs and lounge seating for the Cedar Grove Library from KI for an amount not to exceed \$40,000.00.

Councilman Zichelli moved adoption of the resolution, seconded by Councilman Cicala, and passed by the following vote:

AYE: Councilmen Cicala, Maceri, Zichelli, Deputy Mayor Tanella, Mayor Peterson

NO: None

- g) To consider resolution concerning purchase of disposal/recycling of municipal road clean-up materials through Morris County Cooperative Pricing Contract

The following resolution had been posted on the bulletin board, and a brief synopsis was given by the Township Clerk:

WHEREAS, the Township of Cedar Grove utilizes the Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council Contract #49 for the Disposal/Recycling of Municipal Road Clean-Up Materials; and

WHEREAS, the contract amount for the Disposal/Recycling of Municipal Road Clean-Up Materials will not exceed \$26,187.23; and

WHEREAS, the funds are available to satisfy our obligations under this contract through the 2020 Solid Waste Collection District Budget – Disposal Fees.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Cedar Grove authorizes the Township of Cedar Grove to purchase through the Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council Contract #49 for the Disposal/Recycling of Municipal Road Clean-Up Materials from Deer Carcass Removal Service, LLC for an amount not to exceed \$26,187.23.

Councilman Zichelli moved adoption of the resolution, seconded by Councilman Cicala, and passed by the following vote:

AYE: Councilmen Cicala, Maceri, Zichelli, Deputy Mayor Tanella, Mayor Peterson

NO: None

- h) To consider resolution concerning purchase of fencing materials and installation through Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council Contract

The following resolution had been posted on the bulletin board, and a brief synopsis was given by the Township Clerk:

WHEREAS, the Township of Cedar Grove utilizes the Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council Contract #53 for the Fencing Materials and Installation; and

WHEREAS, the contract amount for the Fencing Materials and Installation will not exceed \$20,147.00; and

WHEREAS, the funds are available to satisfy our obligations under this contract is through Bond Ordinance No. 20-856.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Cedar Grove authorizes the Township of Cedar Grove to purchase through the Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council Contract #53 for Fencing Materials and Installation from Challenger Fence, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$20,147.00.

Councilman Zichelli moved adoption of the resolution, seconded by Councilman Cicala, and passed by the following vote:

AYE: Councilmen Cicala, Maceri, Zichelli, Deputy Mayor Tanella, Mayor Peterson

NO: None

- i) To consider resolution concerning purchase of water meters, data recorders and radio frequency meter interface units through Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council Contract

The following resolution had been posted on the bulletin board, and a brief synopsis was given by the Township Clerk:

WHEREAS, the Township of Cedar Grove utilizes the Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council Contract #47 for water meters, data recorders and radio frequency meter interface units; and

WHEREAS, the contract amount for water meters, data recorders and radio frequency meter interface units will not exceed \$39,906.00; and

WHEREAS, the funds are available to satisfy our obligations under this contract through Bond Ordinance No. 20-858.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Cedar Grove authorizes the Township of Cedar Grove to purchase from the Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council Contract #47 for water meters, data recorders and radio frequency meter interface units from RIO Supply Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$39,906.00.

Councilman Zichelli moved adoption of the resolution, seconded by Councilman Cicala, and passed by the following vote:

AYE: Councilmen Cicala, Maceri, Zichelli, Deputy Mayor Tanella, Mayor Peterson

NO: None

- j) To consider resolution concerning insertion of special item or revenue – Community Park Playground Improvements

The following resolution had been posted on the bulletin board, and a brief synopsis was given by the Township Clerk:

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87, provides that the Director of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of a special item of revenue in the Municipal Budget of the Township of Cedar Grove for 2020 when such items shall have been available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of adoption of the budget; and

WHEREAS, said Director may also approve the insertion of any item of appropriation of equal amount;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Cedar Grove, Essex County, New Jersey, that it hereby requests that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insert of an item of revenue in the budget of the year 2020 in the sum of \$150,000.00, which is now available as a revenue from the Community Park Playground Improvements, which is administered by the Essex County Recreation & Open Space Trust Fund, pursuant to the provision of statute; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a like sum of \$150,000.00 is hereby appropriated under the caption:

Community Park Playground Improvements \$150,000.00

Councilman Cicala moved adoption of the resolution, seconded by Councilman Zichelli, and passed by the following vote:

AYE: Councilmen Cicala, Maceri, Zichelli, Deputy Mayor Tanella, Mayor Peterson

NO: None

k) To consider resolution concerning cancellation of water/sewer penalties

The following resolution had been posted on the bulletin board, and a brief synopsis was given by the Township Clerk:

WHEREAS, it has been determined upon investigation of the Township Manger that the water and sewer penalties assessed to the accounts listed herein should be cancelled:

<u>Name & Address</u>	<u>Water Penalties</u>	<u>Sewer Penalties</u>	<u>Total Cancelled</u>
William & Christine Dye 49 The Glen Cedar Grove, NJ 07009 Acct. No. 3-2806600	<u>\$332.07</u>	<u>\$476.74</u>	<u>\$808.81</u>

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Cedar Grove that the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to cancel the water and sewer penalties for the above accounts.

Deputy Mayor Tanella moved adoption of the resolution, seconded by Councilman Maceri, and passed by the following vote:

AYE: Councilmen Cicala, Maceri, Zichelli, Deputy Mayor Tanella, Mayor Peterson

NO: None

- l) To consider resolution concerning authorizing monthly installment payment agreement of water/sewer charges

The following resolution had been posted on the bulletin board, and a brief synopsis was given by the Township Clerk:

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 54:5-19 provides that the Township Council of the Township of Cedar Grove may by resolution designate that the water and sewer arrearages shall be omitted from the annual tax sale as long as regular equal monthly installment payments are being made along with prompt payment of current water and sewer bills; and

WHEREAS, the monthly installment payment plan cannot exceed five (5) years; and

WHEREAS, if the monthly installment payment is not promptly paid within 30 days after the monthly due date the agreement shall be void; and

WHEREAS, William and Christine Dye, 49 The Glen, Block – 275, Lot – 2, received a January 1, 2020 water and sewer bill in the amount of \$7,034.59; and

WHEREAS, William and Christine Dye has requested that their January 1, 2020 water and sewer bill in the amount of \$7,034.59 be paid in monthly installments for a period not to exceed five (5) years along with the prompt payment of current water and sewer bills; and

WHEREAS, William and Christine Dye is hereby authorized to remit monthly installments in the amount of \$117.25 commencing September 1, 2020 and each September 1st thereafter through September 1, 2025 along with making prompt payment of the current quarterly water and sewer bills;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Cedar Grove hereby authorizes William and Christine Dye to remit monthly installments in the amount of \$117.25 commencing September 1, 2020 and each September 1st thereafter through September 1, 2025 along with prompt payment of the current quarterly water and sewer bills. If the monthly installment payment is not promptly paid within 30 days after the monthly due date the agreement shall be void.

Councilman Zichelli moved adoption of the resolution, seconded by Deputy Mayor Tanella, and passed by the following vote:

AYE: Councilmen Cicala, Maceri, Zichelli, Deputy Mayor Tanella, Mayor Peterson

NO: None

- m) To consider resolution concerning participation in Essex County Urban County Community Development Program for 2021-2023

The following resolution had been posted on the bulletin board, and a brief synopsis was given by the Township Clerk:

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING INCLUSION IN THE ESSEX COUNTY
URBAN COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM FOR
PROGRAM YEARS 2021-2023**

WHEREAS, certain Federal funds are potentially available to the County of Essex under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended and HOME Investment Partnership Act of 1990, as amended; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Cedar Grove desires to participate in the Essex County Urban County for conducting certain community development activities for Program Years 2021-2023; and

WHEREAS, a letter has been drafted by the Mayor to the Essex County Division of Housing and Community Development notifying them of the Township's desire to participate in this process; and

WHEREAS, the Grantee or a unit of general local government that directly or indirectly receives CDBG funds may not sell, trade, or otherwise transfer all or any such portion of such funds to another metropolitan city, urban county, unit of general local government, or Indian tribe, or insular area that directly or indirectly receives CDBG funds in exchange for any other funds, credits or non-Federal considerations, but must use such funds for activities eligible under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended; and

WHEREAS, the Emergency Shelter Grants program ("ESG") provided through Subtitle B of [Title IV](#) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act permits for substantial federal funds allocated to prevent homelessness and to enable homeless individuals and families to move toward independent living.

WHEREAS, the current Uniform Shared Services and Consolidated Act contains an automatic renewal clause to expedite the notification of the inclusion process; and

WHEREAS, by July 30, 2020 each municipality must notify the Essex County Division of Housing & Community Development of its intent to continue as a participant in the Urban County entitlement programs noted above; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Township of Cedar Grove and its residents to participate in said programs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Cedar Grove that it hereby authorizes the Mayor to execute the attached Cooperation Agreement and notifies the Essex County Division of Community Development of its decision to be included as a participant municipality in the Urban County entitlement programs being the Community Development Block Grant Program and Home Investment Partnership Act Program for the Program Years 2021, 2022 and 2023 (June 1, 2021- May 31, 2023); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forward to the Essex County Division of Housing & Community Development no later than August 3, 2020.

Councilman Maceri moved adoption of the resolution, seconded by Councilman Zichelli, and passed by the following vote:

AYE: Councilmen Cicala, Maceri, Zichelli, Deputy Mayor Tanella, Mayor Peterson

NO: None

- n) To consider resolution concerning amendment of raffle application – St. Catherine of Siena Church

The following resolution had been posted on the bulletin board, and a brief synopsis was given by the Township Clerk:

WHEREAS, an amendment application for a previously issued raffle license has been received from St. Catherine of Siena Church to change the date of the raffle, price of raffle ticket and prize amounts; and

WHEREAS, amendment applications are required to be approved in the same manner as initial application; and

WHEREAS, the amendment application has been reviewed by the Township Clerk and found acceptable.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Cedar Grove that it does hereby approve said amendment.

Councilman Cicala moved adoption of the resolution, seconded by Deputy Mayor Tanella, and passed by the following vote:

AYE: Councilmen Cicala, Maceri, Zichelli, Deputy Mayor Tanella, Mayor Peterson

NO: None

- o) To consider resolution appointing Council Liaison member to Historical Society

The following resolution had been posted on the bulletin board, and a brief synopsis was given by the Township Clerk:

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Cedar Grove, Essex County, New Jersey that Joseph Zichelli be hereby appointed to serve as the Council Liaison Member on the Cedar Grove Historical Society, effective immediately and terminating July 1, 2021.

Deputy Mayor Tanella moved adoption of the resolution, seconded by Councilman Cicala, and passed by the following vote:

AYE: Councilmen Cicala, Maceri, Zichelli, Deputy Mayor Tanella, Mayor Peterson

NO: None

9. APPROVAL OF BILLS

The Bill Resolution was read by title and amount as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Cedar Grove, County of Essex, New Jersey, that the attached summary of bills having been duly audited and found correct be and they are thereby ordered paid and that warrants be drawn on the Treasurer in the aggregate amount of \$7,143,482.33

Councilman Maceri moved adoption of the resolution, seconded by Councilman Zichelli, and passed by the following vote:

AYE: Councilmen Cicala, Maceri, Zichelli, Deputy Mayor Tanella

NO: None

ABSTAIN: Mayor Peterson

10. MEETING OPEN TO RESIDENTS OF THE TOWNSHIP WISHING TO BE HEARD ON ANY ITEM ON OR OFF THE AGENDA CONCERNING TOWNSHIP BUSINESS

Charles Dovico; 111 Holly Lane – Mr. Dovico commented that he was not able to access Township website to obtain agenda. The Manager stated that the website had been down but is now operational.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Cicala moved adjournment of the public council meeting, seconded by Councilman Zichelli, and passed by the following vote:

AYE: Councilmen Cicala, Maceri, Zichelli, Deputy Mayor Tanella, Mayor Peterson

NO: None

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

KERRY PETERSON MAYOR

ATTEST:

KATHLEEN R. STUTZ MUNICIPAL CLERK